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GRIMWOOD'S ROYAL GEORGE;

OR,

THE GROSSE MIGNONNE PEACH.

The above names we have no doubt properly belong to the variety of Peach now delineated; for although plants have been dispersed under each name separately, yet the most skilful gardeners cannot find any difference between the blossoms, leaves, and fruit of the one and of the other: but what puts the matter out of doubt is, that Mr. GRIMWOOD, the nurseryman of *Kensington*, told Mr. AITON, His Majesty's gardener at *Kew*, that he gave the name of *Grimwood's Royal George* to the old *French Peach*, in the early part of the reign of His present Majesty George III.; and in consequence thereof, such was the high sense of loyalty in the nation, sold so many of the kind, as to profit to the amount of £.300 by his misnomer. The original stock, by which he had gained so much, he gave to Mr. AITON, and in the year 1813 it existed still in one of the forcing houses at *Kew*; and in the spring of that year was in full bloom, which could not be distinguished from that of the *Grosse Mignonne*, which was very near it.

The tree is a tolerable good grower, but is perhaps less vigorous than those of some other kinds. The blossom is large, of a fine